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48. A retaining wall comprising stacked courses of the block of claim ~~25~~²⁷ in which the front faces of the blocks combine to form a decorative face of the retaining wall, and wherein the lower face of each block in a succeeding course is placed over the upper faces of the blocks in the next lower course, with the downwardly-extending flanges of each block in a succeeding course being positioned immediately behind the uppermost portions of the rear faces of the blocks in the next lower course.

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49. A retaining wall comprising stacked courses of the block of claim ~~26~~²⁸ in which the front faces of the blocks combine to form a decorative face of the retaining wall, and wherein the lower face of each block in a succeeding course is placed over the upper faces of the blocks in the next lower course, with the downwardly-extending flanges of each block in a succeeding course being positioned immediately behind the uppermost portions of the rear faces of the blocks in the next lower course.

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REMARKS

Applicants provide new claims 30-49, which are requested examined. Support for these claims may be found in Figures 1-8, page 6, line 33 through page 7, line 24, and page 11, lines 6 through 25 all of the application.

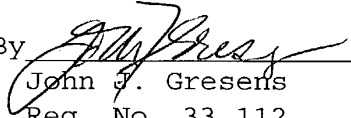
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Favorable consideration of all claims pending herein is respectfully requested.

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